

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-12, 14-16, and 19-20 are pending in the application.

The Examiner allows claims 3, 6-12, 14-16, and 19-20. The Examiner allows claim 5 if rewritten to overcome an indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Noji (U.S. Patent No. 6,138,255).

Applicants cancel claim 1.

Applicants amend claim 5. Claims 3, 5-12, 14-16, and 19-20 remain in the application.

Applicants traverse the claim rejections.

Applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Claims Allowed

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for his allowance of claims 3, 6-12, 14-16, and 19-20.

Claims Allowable

Applicants amend claim 5 to obviate the Examiner's objection under § 112. Claim 5 is in condition for allowance.

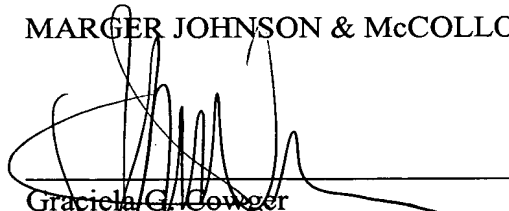
Conclusion

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims as amended. The Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned if it appears an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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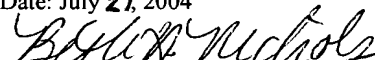
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